Sun Spots

FROM THE PARADISE OF PALM DESERT

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SHADOW BALL WAS FORMAL—Most fashionably dressed, Mr. and Mrs. Carl B. Squier enjoyed the evening at the formal Shadow Ball. Mrs. Squier, the former June Knight of screen fame, was exquisitely gowned and presented a stunning appearance. Mr. Squier is a member of the Board of Governors of SMC. Oden Proctor photo.

CELEBRATE JUNIOR CLUB CARNIVAL DAY APRIL 10

In New Orleans they love their Mardi Gras—in Rio it's the Carnival—in Santa Barbara the Fiesta—but in Palm Desert the SMC Juniors celebrate a day of their own with the fun, entertainment and excitement of all three combined, when they hold their Junior Club Carnival Day, Thursday, April 10, during Easter week vacation time.

This big semi-annual event, for all those 13 to 21 years of age, gets under way at 10 a.m., with pool, lawn

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OASIS AND POOL—Recent photo of club pool and grounds, looking towards the snack bar—an invitation, during the months to follow, to wonderful sundrenched relaxation and play in the azure waters of the beautiful SMC pool—and use of the many other outdoor recreational facilities of the club. Proctor photo.

LUAU AND DIXIE BALL TIME ARRIVE ALONG WITH SPRING ON THE DESERT

The flowers blooming on the desert this year are thrilling and wonderful—as are the SMC activities during the spring season just ahead.

There will be an Easter Parade, aquacade and pool shows, the popular Dixie Ball, Luaus, fireworks—everything under the sun for fun, relaxation, sports and happy times for all the family.

Activity will move almost completely out of doors, tans will take on deeper shades in the softness of warmth that can be enjoyed only beneath a desert sun. Nights will be those of perfection as the stars reach down to touch the mountain tops in the clearness that is found only beneath desert skies.

Party-times will be highlighted by the Bonnets and Bunnies dance on April 12; the first Luau of the season on April 22; the Dixie Ball on May 3; and the Aloha Luau on May 10. They will be grand parties in the tradition of good times for which SMC is famous. In the past, these have been some of the most outstanding fun-fests of all SMC parties. Ask the member who

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Over the rail fence, this view looks southeast from the homesite corner; shows main unit of the Brown's home. The bedroom is on the near end, the living room and foyer adjacent to the large parking space and breezeway on the far end.

Swinging around the corner, the camera captures this perfect setting for outdoor living in an area contiguous to the living quarters of both the main and guest units of the home.

The Tom Brown's Home

By ROBERT REISTRUP

ENTERING THE foyer of the home the Tom Browns built, you walk into a delightful world of restful retreat. Relaxing in the living room, you find you've never left the outdoors behind. From every direction the vistas of desert and snowcapped mountains are framed in great areas of plate glass; viewing, to the northwest, towering San Jacinto and San Gorgonio peaks in all their glory, and to the southwest, the sheltering heights of the Santa Rosa mountains. The home is ideally situated on a large homesite, 190 feet in the front by 204 feet in the rear—with a depth of 135 feet—on the corner of Juniper Street and Burroweed Lane, Palm Desert.

In the living room, and throughout the home, the decor of California provincial furniture and furnishings, in basic, complementary green and coral coloring, creates a contrast that marks it apart from the desert countryside outdoors; highlights the interior as a welcoming oasis conducive to peaceful, contented living.

It is a home designed for the Browns by Walter White, who has established a reputation for creating beauty in homes in an architectural styling that integrates perfectly with the natural beauty of the desert surroundings. With consummate skill, he has blended the ideas of the Browns, with his own, to utilize all living space to best advantage, both indoors and outdoors, and provide every comfort and convenience of good, modern living. Though the home appears to be one continuous building, it actually consists of two areas of living, separated by a breezeway. In the larger unit the Browns live in spacious quarters consisting of a living room, bedroom, bath, dining alcove and modern kitchen with serving bar. In the detached unit there are two bedrooms with two baths in which their various guests make their home. The building contractor, Floyd Staggs, performed an excellent job of construction to the complete satisfaction of the owners.

Living and activity flow smoothly and graciously from inside, to the pool, patio and grounds outside. The large, heated swimming pool is in an area of green lawn and paved terrace, surrounded by a patio wall, purposely built low to maintain a quality of expansiveness and preserve an unobstructed view. Additional privacy will be provided by a recent planting of oleanders in a hedge-like formation. In this area relaxation, sunning, swimming and outdoor dining and partying afford the perfect opportunity for outdoor living at its best.

Giant palm trees and more than 150 plants in many varieties of cacti and other growth, spaced with verdant grass lawns, weave a pattern of landscaped beauty that

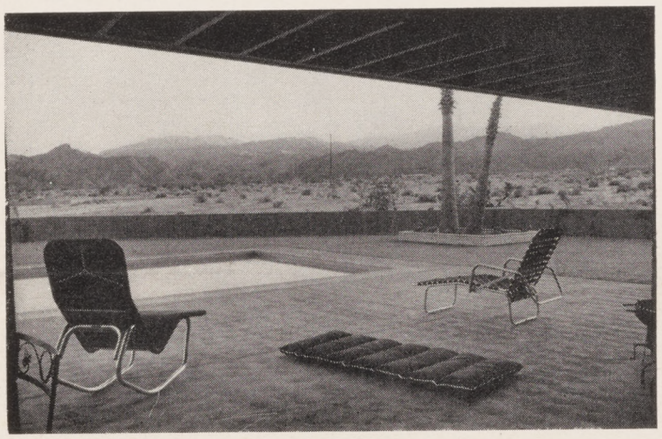
frames the home to fitting advantage. Velma Waldron, of the Little Grass Shack Nursery, was responsible for the interesting arrangement of desert and traditional landscaping.

The Browns moved into their new home the middle of December, 1951, and have enjoyed the comfort of their radiant heat and their attractive fireplace when nights were cool. In the warmer months of the year their home will be maintained at comfortable temperatures by three evaporative coolers.

Originally planning to spend only weekends at their desert home, the Tom Browns have so thoroughly enjoyed their desert living experience that the original weekends have stretched into ever longer periods of time; and are now governed only by the time Tom Brown can allow himself away from his business in the city. It's a good formula for living!

Homes to live in—like the Browns'—homes that can bring to one the happy satisfaction of full enjoyment in life, combined with the advantages of the Shadow Mountain Club as the center of social and recreational activity, have built fast-growing Palm Desert into a beautiful community of charming homes and gracious neighbors—in only a few short years.

Spacious living room of the Brown's home showing compact, modern kitchen with serving bar in the far end. The dining alcove is to the right, just this side of the kitchen; foyer to the left. Desert burro ceramic piece to the rear stands on television set that brings good program reception to the desert. Wall to wall carpeting is in light heather green, as are the shades on the twin lamps. Draw-drapes are of Caliente cloth. Center ceiling-beam is the source of soft, indirect lighting. Walls approximate a forest green. The entire home is smartly, tastefully arranged and furnished for comfortable, convenient desert living. All photos by Oden Proctor.



The Santa Rosa mountains at sunset. Scene viewed from the living room through the sliding, 12-foot glass doors that open on the patio and pool. Same view is enjoyed from all the bedrooms and the kitchen.

COMMUNITY CHURCH BENEFIT SCHEDULED

The first luau party of the season, on April 22, will be for the benefit of the Palm Desert Community Church. The club will remain open on this Tuesday to provide facilities for the very special party that has been planned. Arrangements have been made to fly flowers direct from Hawaii to the desert. There will be exceptionally good music and entertainment.

The community enjoys a fine record of support of the local church, and this party provides an opportunity to continue the good and important cause while having a festival of fun at the same time. Early reservations are suggested.

Dr. John Robertson Macartney will hold Easter Sunrise Services at the church, outside, on Eastern Sunday. Plan to attend.

During the month of March, a great new Wurlitzer organ was installed and dedicated at the church during a beautiful recital program. The organ instrumental numbers were interspersed with vocal selections. The church was filled to capacity.

All residents and visitors are cordially invited to attend church and Sunday School services at this splendid Community church.

Spectacular

JANET DEE AQUACADE AT SHADOW MOUNTAIN

The famous Janet Dee water ballet and aquacade will make the weekend of April 19-20, Saturday and Sunday, one of delightful diversion and entertainment for spectators at poolside. Performers are noted for their rhythmic precision work, having won acclaim wherever they have presented their show.

The first performance will be given at a spectacular night show, 8 p.m., Saturday. A grand fireworks display will be featured in conjunction with the evening's entertainment.

The water ballet will be repeated on Sunday afternoon, at 2 p.m. You will enjoy either one or both of these thrilling shows. Plan now to attend.

SWIM—in the most wonderful pool on the desert. Live your life outdoors at SMC—and poolside, especially during the next few months.

Shadow Mountain Club Presents

April Calendar

Enjoy Springtime on the Desert!

APRIL 5—Saturday—**DESERT CIRCUS**—Parade Day in Palm Springs. See the SMC float in the Grand Parade. 10 a.m.

DINNER-DANCE — In the evening celebrate 16th annual Desert Circus Days, at the club, dancing to the music of Todd's Trio.

APRIL 6—Sunday — **POOL SHOW** — Intra-club pool events. Tub racing, tilting, seal fishing; other sports. 2 p.m.

APRIL 8—Tuesday—**EASTER WEEK** — Club open this Tuesday.

APRIL 10—Thursday—**JUNIOR CLUB CARNIVAL DAY**—Third annual event for juniors age 13 to 21. A full day of pool, lawn and tennis events from 11 a.m. through 4 p.m. Tennis round robin; award of Clifford W. Henderson perpetual trophy.

FIESTA BUFFET DANCE — Ballroom and square dancing for Juniors to the music of a surprise jive five. Juniors ukelele contest, fiesta fun, prizes, favors on the terrace, poolside. Only $2.00 per junior.

APRIL 12—Saturday—**BONNETS AND BUNNIES DANCE**—Put on your gayest Easter bonnet; prizes. Todd's Trio music for dancing.

APRIL 13—Sunday—**EASTER SUNRISE SERVICES**—Palm Desert Community Church; at sunrise, outdoors.

SUNRISE BREAKFAST—Served in SMC dining room and on the terrace from sunrise until 8 a.m.

EASTER EGG ROLL—4th annual event for the children. A happy time on the terrace and lawns with colored eggs, baskets and prizes. 11 a.m.

EASTER PARADE—Club members and their children in an Easter promenade. Prizes awarded for outstanding combinations of mothers and daughters (sons), fathers and daughters (sons), brothers and sisters, and for the largest family. 2 p.m.

EASTER FASHION SHOW—Special showing of Juli Lynne Charlot creations; auspices of Stuard's SMC Sun Shop. The latest spring and summer fashions; in conjunction with the Easter parade at 2 p.m.

APRIL 19-20—Saturday-Sunday—**AQUACADE, JANET DEE'S** famous, beautiful water ballet and aquacade spectacle. Troupe of 15 precision performers. Saturday at 2:00 and 8:00 p.m., and Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m.

APRIL 22—Tuesday—**LUAU, CHURCH BENEFIT** — Club will remain open on this Tuesday for a special Hawaiian Luau; benefit of the Palm Desert Community Church. Flowers from Hawaii, special entertainment; good fun, good cause.

APRIL 26—Saturday—**WATER FESTIVAL, FIREWORKS**—Glorious water ballet, surf-boarding and watercade exhibition plus fireworks; 'neath starry desert skies. Pulchritude and pinwheels in an outdoor fantasy. 8 p.m.

APRIL 27—Sunday—**POOL SHOW**—Races, jousting and other intra-club pool events. Ping pong tournament, relay races on the lawn; other sports activities. Join in or look on; 2 p.m.

PREVIEW OF THE MONTH OF MAY

MAY 3—Saturday—**DIXIE BALL**—Your minstrel show of the year! A plantation medley of colonels, cotton pickers, southern belles—strumming, singing, strutting, dancing. Everybody gets into the act! A big night of fun—'way down south!

MAY 10—Saturday — **ALOHA LUAU** — Fourth annual Luau; the last grand party of the current social season. SMC Luaus are gay, informal party-times, redolent with the atmosphere of the Hawaiian Islands, exciting entertainment, exotic food, favors, flowers. Happy party finale to a very successful season.

MAY 11—Sunday — **MOTHER'S DAY** — Corsages to all mothers on their day of days. Surprises for youngest, oldest mothers — ditto for grandmothers. Open house all day long.

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Day by Day--Your Weekly Calendar of Events

Monday—12:30 p.m.—Bridge and Canasta Luncheon. $2.00, including gratuity, tax and prizes.
Evening—Dancing to the music of Todd's Trio.

Tuesday—Club open April 8 and 22. Closed April 15 and 29.

Wednesday—8:00 p.m.—Tennis Round Robin (Shady Racqueteers). Florence Allen, SMC tennis pro.

Thursday — Evening — Square dancing, with Harry Kester calling. Chuck Wagon Dinner, $3.00, buffet style. Western or square dancing apparel.

Friday—Evening—Dancing to the music of Todd's Trio.

Saturday—9:00 a.m.—Palm Desert Raiders. Saturday morning ride. At the SMC Stables.
12:30 p.m. — Shadows (age 4 to 8). Luncheon, games and prizes. $1.00.
Evening—Dancing to the music of Todd's Trio.

Sunday—Smorgasbord Buffet. $4.00 per person. Music by Todd's Trio from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
7:00 to 10:00 p.m.—Dancing to the music of Todd's Trio.
8:00 p.m.—Travelog, presented by members and camera enthusiasts. Alternate Sundays in the Manzanita Room.

For detailed information, see Irene Matthias, Social Director

LUAU, DIXIE BALL . . .

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knows! And find out for yourself this year!

The Dixie Ball, otherwise known as "Plantation Fantasy," is just that! It goes 'way down south to the land of magnolias, river showboats, Kaintucky Colonels and Virginia Reelers and turns out to be a liltin', lovin', honey drippin',

The club moves south of the Mason-Dixon line on the night of the Dixie Ball—a minstrel mix-up and cakewalk capers fun-fest of frivolity.

old-fashioned minstrel show of hilarious entertainment. You'll never know who has the most fun—those that just look on, or the performers. It won't matter much because everyone has a wonderful time!

You will be smoothly transported across the ocean to distant Hawaii at the Luau parties—and there are two of them to mark down on your party calendar right now. The first on April 22; the Aloha Luau on May 10.

Music, glamour, food, dress, romantic dances, flowers—everything that is of the famous Islands will be here to bring out the gypsy in you at these gay parties. Colorful, enchanting, charming and exotic—join in the fun—and watch the sarongs go by! These will be great nights for dining and dancing—in the dreamy, tropical mood.

As in the past, popular luaus are on the party program just ahead. Enchanting music—flowers, dancing—the relaxing mood of the Hawaiian Islands brought to SMC.

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ENJOY YOUR EASTER TIME ON THE DESERT

In keeping with the Easter season the desert bursts forth with new life at this time of the year—a most appropriate place to spend your Eastern vacation; where the vast outdoors is an amphitheatre reverently displaying the wondrous works of Nature.

After Easter Sunrise services, Sunday, April 13, the club will serve a sunrise breakfast until 8 a.m. At 11 a.m., the children will have their 4th annual Easter Egg Roll; a wonderful excursion of exploration; hunting elusive colored eggs and baskets that bring their own happy rewards when found, and prizes too.

At 2 p.m., you will enjoy a combined Easter Parade and Easter Fashion show on the club terrace. Proud mothers and fathers will promenade with their sons and daughters in a display of Easter finery and fashions. Brothers and sisters, too, will be a combination. Prizes will be awarded; and this year the parade will seek out the largest family present, to whom an award will be made. Take part in this, your very own Easter Parade, in the very nicest setting imaginable.

Famed creations by Juli Lynn Charlot, showing the latest in spring and summer fashions, will be presented in a smart style show on the terrace and at poolside. Her collection of ensembles, to which she gives intriguing and individual names, is one of the finest and most exclusive in all the world of fashion. A youthful designer, her creations carry out the spirit of vibrant living and youth for women of all ages.

On the night before Easter, Saturday, April 12, you will enjoy the Bonnets and Bunnies dance to the music of Todd's Trio; a lovely, informal party where you ladies can preview your faforite Easter bonnets. Irene Matthias, social director, reports that interesting prizes will be awarded to the prettiest and gayest hats seen at the party.

Plan to spend the week, commencing April 7, on the desert at SMC. The club will be open on Tuesday, April 8, for your convenience and enjoyment of every day without interruption; so make it an Easter holiday long to be remembered. There will be things to do for every member of the family.

Golf

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Helen Dettweiler, vice president, Women's Professional Golf Association, former Western and California open champion, is the golf pro. A former WASP, she originally came to California to write a history of that organization with Jacqueline Cochran. She loved the desert; decided to stay—desert's gain.

LIFE MEMBERS

The roster of life members of the Shadow Mountain Club continues to grow; the beginning of a tradition of membership that is a tribute to a club as young as SMC, and an expression of great faith in the inherent values of the club as a family and community institution.

The club takes this opportunity to honor the following who are life members:

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sieman
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence E. Bullock
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph G. Gokey
Dr. and Mrs. Edward M. Harvey
Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Steele

We salute you!

DESERT CIRCUS WEEK AND BEAUX ARTS BALL

Beginning Thursday, April 3, and continuing through Sunday, April 6, Palm Springs will be the scene of the 16th annual Desert Circus a four-day celebration and carnival of stars that attracts many visitors to the desert area for the big doings. SMC will have an attractive float entered in the Grand Parade on Saturday, April 5. Be sure to see it!

On the night of Thursday, April 3, the Desert Art Center will stage their first annual Beaux Arts Ball and benefit at the Palm Springs Tennis Club. A costume party, it gives promise of being an outstanding affair. It is open to the public. Our charming Ann Ellis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Ronald Ellis, will be the SMC queen contestant at the Ball.

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DICK SMITHERS IS NEW RECREATIONAL DIRECTOR

Richard "Dick" Smithers has joined the staff of SMC as recreational director, replacing Tom Harabedian who formerly held that post.

Dick is a graduate of Northwestern University as a Physical Education major. He was a member of Chicago's Medinah Club National Indoor Swimming Championship team during the years '37 and '38, later becoming Men's Department Athletic Director of that club, remaining until he entered the Navy with the outbreak of World War II.

After four years in service, Dick returned to civilian life as manager of the Sand and Pool Club at the Beverly Hills Hotel; a post he held for more than 3 years, leaving there to enter his own business. His interim activities have included swimming instruction, physical therapy and general conditioning.

SMC's reputation for being a "family-type" club is further enhanced by the addition of Dick — who is the proud father of a family of five—three girls and two boys.

TROPHY AWARD—Clifford and Betty Ives make the fourth annual award of the cherished Betenclif trophy to Bill Cushing (riding Popcorn), winner of the Junior Invitational Gymkhana event held at the SMC equestrian arena. Additional stake race was necessary to break tie with Wendy Werder, who placed second, winning a medal for her skill. Third place medal winner was Ray Rasmussen. William (Bill) Moore and Robert Holliday were the judges. Mr. Ives directed and announced the popular program. Photo by Proctor.

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Notice

Equestrian News, Todd's Trio Music Schedule and Dining Notes, carried in all previous issues, have been omitted in this April edition of Sun Spots. With the exception of breakfast rides, the time and event schedules remain the same as those in the March issue. The correction: 8:30 a.m. breakfast rides are on Sundays. Horses, $3.50. Haywagon, $1.50.

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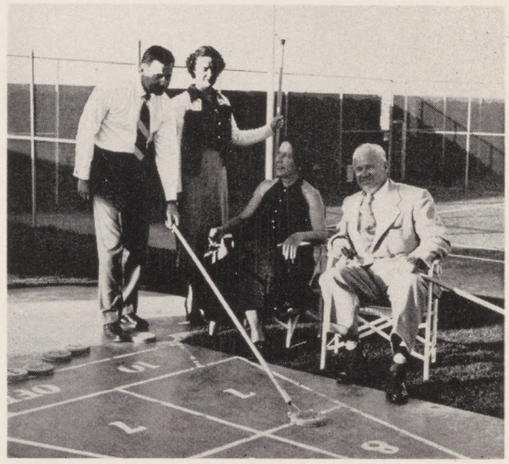

SUN FUN—Shuffleboard courts prove very popular with Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Jones, Pasadena (seated), and Mr. and Mrs. William E. Chichester, Newport Beach, on a sunny Sunday afternoon at SMC. Mrs. Chichester is the daughter of the Jones'. Proctor photo.

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JUNIOR CLUB CARNIVAL . . .

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and tennis events scheduled to continue until 4 p.m., followed by the Fiesta Buffet Dance at 7 p.m. It will be a full day and evening of all-out recreational and social activities for all Junior members and their guests. It is their day!

Those interested in water sports will have a poolful of fun playing tug-o-war, seal fishing, tub racing and water polo in exciting contests. On the lawn there will be three-legged, Siamese Twin and other races plus an "Izzy Dizzy" relay race. Paddle wielders will have the time of their lives playing ping pong in tournament competition. Trophies will be awarded to all contest winners. Chairmen for these events are Bill Roberts and Ross Stuard. See them, or Dick Smithers, club recreational director, for further information.

The tennis courts will attract Junior racqueters for the second annual tennis round robin, playing for the Clifford W. Henderson perpetual trophy. Chairmen for this tournament are Barbara and Joanne Cunningham; Riefe Shea. If you want more details, contact them, or Flo Allen, the SMC pro.

Along about hunger-time, noon that is, Juniors will get a real break on a special plate lunch, at the Snack Bar, for only fifty cents!

When the full-of-fun afternoon stretches into evening, and 7 p.m. rolls around, Juniors who may be hungry again will find a tempting, wonderful Fiesta Buffet ready for them at the low cost of only $2.00 per person! All in all—a big time and a lot of food on little money.

All guys are invited to bring their gals—and gals their guys — or come alone and meet one! Also, fetch your trusty ukelele—there's going to be a contest. And for prizes too! Arrange to play solo, duo, trio or what have you? The more ukeleles—the merrier!

Dancing—and lots of it—will be to the music of a surprise jive band. Dancing, of course, will be poolside on the terrace. Where else—on a beautiful, balmy, star-lighted night?

This is your day and night, Juniors—so make the most of it! Throughout, it will be a gay, carnival of fiesta-fun, prizes, favors, contests and plenty of entertainment. Your new officers will be on hand to meet and greet you. So be sure to attend this 3rd annual event —but be sure to make your reservations early! Phone 76-2911 or 76-3184.

It's your day, Juniors, in a very big way. Join in the fun! We'll be seeing you!

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Play

NEW LITTLE THEATRE PRODUCTION TO OPEN

Opening with the Broadway hit, "Night Must Fall," the Palm Desert Little Theatre will present the third in its currently successful season of play productions on Tuesday night, April 1.

Show will be presented each Friday and Tuesday night, thereafter, through April 18.

A distinct credit to the community, the endeavors of Clay Stearns, and his group of actors, is earning the interested support which their fine performances merit.

Make up a theatre-party and enjoy a good play! Limited seating capacity suggests getting your tickets in advance.

FAMED AVIATRIX — Jacqueline Auriol, daughter-in-law of France's president, only qualified woman jet pilot, holder of the feminine speed record of 510 miles per hour, visits SMC with Lawrence Bell (left), head of Bell Aircraft Company. Cliff Henderson, long-time aviation friend of Bell, welcomed the famous pair. Oden Proctor photo.

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Party Review

SHADOW BALL AND ST. PATRICK'S PARTY

The fourth annual Shadow Ball attracted a goodly crowd of members and their guests, dressed formally in the height of fashion, to enjoy the final black and white affair of the season.

Soft candlelight — from black and white candles—reflected the decor of the evening, resulting in an artistically beautiful effect. The gracious background, throughout, served to establish the happy, gay mood that prevailed as the party-goers danced to the smooth rhythms of the Todd's Trio.

Again, it was the kind of event that has become traditional at SMC; a decided contrast to the tempo of casual living (excepting the formal opening) that marks social affairs at the club during the winter season.

Everyone became an Irishman on the night of the St. Patrick's party; if kissing the Blarney Stone in the theme center made them one! Shamrocks, Hooligan hats and shenanigans, aided and abetted by some authentic Irishers' from the 'ould sod, made SMC a bit of Eire during the party celebration.

The Todd's were given voluble "assists" by audience vocalists when it came to singing typically Irish ballads. Sure, now, and who could resist lifting a voice to stirring tunes from Erin? It was a happy, sparkling fun-party enjoyed by everyone in attendance. You have to hand it to the Irish!

Irene's faculty for smart and clever decorative arrangements was very much in evidence at both parties. That's Irene Matthias, our social director, of course!

ATTRACTIVE TRIO—Just after viewing aquatic show, Mr. and Mrs. Percy K. Nichols, Jr., flank daughter Patricia in this photo taken poolside. Pasadena residents, the Nichols family spends much time at Palm Desert, where they are homeowners. Oden Proctor photo.